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#### EGYPT-USSR

Foreign Minister Fahmi announced yesterday that he will go to Moscow "soon" to arrange a summit meeting between President Sadat and Soviet leaders. The Egyptians probably timed the official announcement of the trip to take account of Soviet sensibilities. Coming on the eve of President Nixon's visit to Cairo, the news is intended as assurance of Sadat's desire to maintain "balanced" ties with the two superpowers.

Although on the surface friendship has been renewed, strains continue and could re-emerge when the two governments discuss the venue for the talks. Sadat is tired of going to Moscow and wants the Soviets to come to him for the next round of summitry. Cairo will consider that it has made the proper gesture to Moscow by dispatching Fahmi to the Soviet capital, and that the next move is up to the USSR.

Moscow may agree to a high-level meeting in Cairo. The Soviets would probably like to try to patch things up before the Geneva peace conference reconvenes. The most likely candidate for such a visit would be President Podgorny or Premier Kosygin, both of whom have been in Cairo before.

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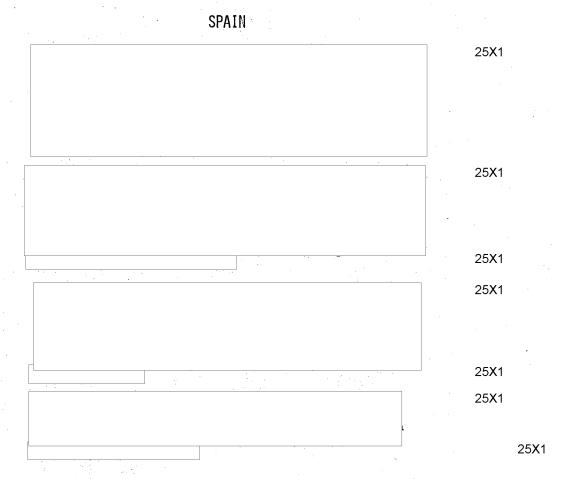
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